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WASHINGTON, D. C., SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 30, 1917.

D. C. FIGHTS LOSING BATTLE WITH COLD IN COALLESS HOMES Teuton Fliers Bomb Padua

Fuel Shortage and Inability to Get Carriers Add to Suffering Here.

-POOR FORM LINES IN WIND TO GET SMALL QUANTITY

Distribution Office of Administration Packed While Officials Make Efforts to Give Relief.

In the midst of the coldest weather Washington has experienced this winter receipts of coal in Washington yesterday slumped practically to nothing. Added to the shortage was the inability of many persons to get coal hauled even after they had managed to place orders for the coal.

As a further measure of relief to the local administration the United States administration announced last evening that "to meet the fuel requirements of the District of Columbia" the national administration "has caused a sufficient number of cars of coal to be placed at one of the yards on the B. and O. tracks in the northeast section of the city, and twenty-three cars in one of the yards to meet the needs of the southeast and southwest sections of the

District. Many who applied at the distribution of the local administration for emergency orders yesterday were told would be given orders if they nd persons to haul the coal the piles brought here for muthe piles brought here the applicants women, who said they did not where to turn to get any one to coal. Dealers also complained of ity to had coal.

Suggest City Zones.

This distribution difficulty led to the aggrestion last evening that the city soned; that dealers haul coal to the bints nearest their dumps, and that ther a dealers' clearing house be tablished to check up on this internange of orders, or the local admining

ity, a resident of mount reasont ied to the local fuel administration at 1303 F street, got the order, hagain was transmitted to the er. This dealer then had to send wagon to the northeast to get the and haul it to Mount Pleasant.

remedy this situation it was suggested that teams might be stationed the emergency dumps and orders might be transmitted directly to the

Dealers Refuse Orders.

Many persons were caught "short" on coal, they stated, because dealers de-clined to take their orders at all if they had more than three or four days" they had more than three or four days' supply, stating they had orders not to do so from the fuel administration. When the last few days' supply was reached they were told that dealers were without coal.

The United States fuel administration is paying considerable attention to the local situation. Statements about shipments coming into Washington from the national administration have held out the hope that ample coal is be-

out the hope that ample coal is being sent here, yet Washington householders are having considerable di; cufty in getting this coal and find they have to spend several hours of negotiations with dealer and the local adminpartment, who has placed at the dis-posal of the fuel administration ap-proximately 200 tons of coal belonging to his department, which will be dis-tributed through the local administra-

Unable to Deliver Fuel.

All day long there was a line at the local office, 1303 F street, of persons seeking orders for coal. Yesterday's sales cleaned many yards of both hard and soft coal; while at others the proprietors said they were unable to deliver coal they had. Wherever cars were switched on dumps last night men were kept at work all night unloading, and unloading forces will be at the yards today.

wherever yards have coal deliveries will be continued today, Sunday work being deemed necessary to meet the emergency as well as to comply with the instructions of Dr. Harry A. Garfield,

federal fuel administrator.

Pathetic scenes were enacted at many of the small yards, where coal is sold by the bushel and peck. Many of these were without coal. At others there were crowds in waiting composed of both colored and white persons, who waited for the arrival of a load of coal and then almost fought their way to get a point of vantage where they might buy a few pecks or a bushel to keep their homes warm over Sunday.

Many suggestions could be heard among those who crowded the distribufederal fuel administrator

among those who crowded the distribu office of the local administrator. some urged preference be given to home Some urged preference be given to homes over amusement places and churches. One suggestion was that a plan be adopted in Washington which already has been employed in other cities among churches—that of various churches of hae denominations holding union services, first at one church and then at another, in order to conserve the fuel supply.

Schools on a Narrow Margin.

The Washington public schools are running on a very narrow margin of coal, but so far it has not been necessary to close any of the buildings because of lack of fuel. The public schools, along with other branches of the District government, get their coal through the Council of National Defense, and under its orders small quantity deliveries have been made with sufficient regularity to keep the fires going. There is a small reserve stock in Washington under control of the defense council, and unless there should be prolonged interruption of transportation it is not anticipated that District (Continued on Second Page.)

IN AIR RAID ON ITALY TESTIFIES, FOUGHT

and Other Open Towns. Art Treasures Escape.

INVADERS' RAIDS FAIL

sons were killed and sixty others in-jured when the open city of Padua, in northern Italy, was bombarded

fice announced today. Treviso, Montebelluna and Castelfranco were also at lated section of Padua, where eight

bombs were dropped, were not dam

nemy aviators last night, the war of-

aged. The text of the official state ment on the campaign reads: "On the whole front there was the "On the whole front there was the usual harassing fire, as well as reciprocal patrol activity in the Lagarina valley and Vallarso. Raids attempted against Costalunga and Monte Melago on the Asiago plateau were repulsed, and a few prisoners captured. On the Plave Vecchia some prisoners were taken in a reconnaissance raid.

True to Barbaric Impulses.

pulses, which were revived by the de-feat they suffered on December 26 at feat they suffered on December 26 at Treviso, bombarded inhabited parts of Treviso. Monte Belluno, Caselfranco and Padua, all open cities. In the center of Padua where the population is densest and the finest monuments numerous, eight bombs were dropped, killing thirteen persons and wounding sixty. There were only six soldiers among the casualties, which for the most part were women and children. No monument was damaged. No monument was damaged.

BERLIN. December 29 .- An Italian attack against the Austro-German po-sition on the heights east of Monte Tomba broke down yesterday under the fire of the Teutons, it was announced officially today by the German war

POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL.

Neutral Latin American Congress Was Called for January.

BUENOS AIRES. December 29.-Th

375 POUNDS OF SUGAR SEIZED.

tion and D. Nochinsohn, a wholesale grocer, must answer a charge of hoard.

When the theater advertised that it would give the sugar away, an agent of the food administration seized it and served the grocer with a summons after being informed that the sugar had been purchased from Nochinsohn.

RELIEF SHIP REPORTED SAFE.

Nieuw Amsterdam Passes Hook of Holland With Food for Belgians. ROTTERDAM December 29 - The outch steamer Nieuw Amsterdam, with

cargo for Belgian relief, passed the Hook of Holland at noon yesterday bound for Rotterdam. The arrival of the vessel was an event of almost national importance. Crowds of persons came from all parts of the country, and thousands cheered themselves hoarse when the weather-beaten liner came in showing sears of the Halifax explosion.

The Nieuw Amsterdam sailed from The Nieuw Amsterdam sailed from New York some time ago with the same credentials and safe conduct as are supplied to all Belgian relief ships. On the voyage the vessel was detained for a time at Halifax, the British government desiring to have additional guarantees from the German government that she would be permitted to proceed to Holland unmolested.

ARMY MOTOR TRUCKS TESTED

Twenty-Nine Make Run of 570 Miles-Delayed by Snow. BALTIMORE, Md., December 29.

Twenty-nine of the thirty Army motor trucks which left Detroit under their twelve to five men, as recommended by ration because final figures for the cereal corps, power about three weeks ago on a Surgeon General Gorgas. own power about three weeks ago on a test run to the Atlantic seaboard, finished the trip with their arrival here yesterday. The missing truck was wrecked by a railroad train in Ohio. The journey through eastern Ohio and the Alleghany mountains in Pennsylvania was retarded by heavy snow. The distance traveled was approximately 570

the column, said the trip had shown that motor trucks can be gotten to the seaboard under their own power just as economically as they can be shipped. "Furthermore!" he added, "they can haul other supplies as we have done. thereby serving a double purpose." The trucks averaged about fifty miles a day.

Hoover to Testify Wednesday. Food Administrator Hoover has telefrom New York that he will testify hefore the Senate manu-factures subcommmittee investigating the sugar and coal shortage Wetnesday.

Hylan Sworn In. NEW YORK, December 29.—Mayor-slect John F. Hylan took the oath of office today. He succeeds Mayor Mitchel

13 DEAD, 60 INJURED EISENMAN, CAPTAIN BREAKING CONTRACT

National Defense Chairman Wanted to Know Who Ordered Investigation.

HUGE PROFITS OF ARMY SCRAPS TOLD IN PROBE

Maj. Gen. Sharpe Asserts Sorting at 6 Cents a Pound Would Net Company \$500,000 Yearly.

Testimony that a contract for the sorting of woolen scraps from uniforms. made through a committee of the Connfore the Senate committee on military affairs vesterday afternoon.

As soon as the Quartermasters' Corps had investigated the contract in ques tion, Maj. Gen. Sharpe, the quartermas ately, they said, profests against the cancellation of the contract had been B.&O. TRAINS SMASH registered by Charles Eisenman, vice chairman of a committee on supplies for the Army of the Council of National

Eisenman was informed of the cancella-tion of the contract, which was with the Base Sorting Company of New York, and that this action had been taken following an investigation by him, Mr. Eisenman wanted to know who gave him his orders for making investigation. Capt. Pereless said he exhibited the order of the quar-termaster general.

Failure of Automatic Signals

to Work Causes Wreck

in Indiana.

SOLDIERS ON THE CARS

NORTH VERNON, Ind., December 29.

-Eight are known to be dead and about

twenty injured as the result of a headan eastbound Baltimore and Ohio train

Joseph Horning, Seymour,

Frank Day, Seymour, engineer

M. E. Matthews, Seymour, fireman on

eastbound train.

Albert Shur, Cincinnati, baggageman on eastbound train.

J. H. Kempton, Cincinnati, brakeman on eastbound train.

Earl Austin Deeker, a passenger.

The injured included Conductor D. P. Shaner of the eastbound train and Conductor P. J. McEvilly, both of Cincinnati; S. Boyles, an engineer of Cincinnati, who was in charge of a dead engine on the eastbound train, also was injured. The extent of their injuries has not been determined.

Other Injured Unknown.

At 11 o'clock the identity of other in-jured was not known.

All of the dead were pinned beneath the wreckage. Both engines were de-molished and thrown from the track and down a steep embankment. The cause of the wreck is reported to have been the failure of the automatic block

FURTHER CUT IN RATIONS

Wheat Shortage in France Serious

Danger Point in Switzerland on General Supplies.

Further reduction of civilian rations in

European countries today was reported

Information received by the food ad-

ministration said the wheat shortage in

France was becoming alarming and that

ration because final figures for the cereal

bushels, or 20,000,000 bushels less than

in 1916.

IN EUROPE NECESSARY

M. C. Harvey, Cincinnati

n weethound train.

eastbound train.

said he exhibited the order of the quar-termaster general. Eisenman, he said, then said he would "show where he got orders." The quartermaster general refused to rescind his action cancelling the con-

Brother of Firm's President. It was developed that Samuel Kaplan, a member of the committee which passes on contracts for scrap picking for the Army, is a brother of Ira Kaplan, president of the Base Sorting Company, and that a third Kaplan brother was treasurer of woolen mills in New England, which had been commandeered by the government. Kaplan as well as Eisenman protested against the cancellation of the contract.

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List of Dead.

The dead:

Harry French, Seymour, Ind., engineer was though train. of. Pereles estimated that this con-ct, also cancelled, would yield "very the more" profits—\$250,000 a year m blankets alone. lexander H. Kaminsky, former as-ant United States district attorney

Wholesale Grocer at Paterson Is

Summoned on Hoarding Charge.

PATERSON, N. J.. December 29.—
Three hundred and seventy-five pounds of sugar which was to be given away free Wednesday night to the patrons of a local theater is now in the possession of the federal food administration and D. Nochinson, a wholesale and were able to injure competitors.

Kaplan Knew Details.

He said he believed Eisenman had cted in good faith, but had been "hoodwinked" by rag merchants composing committee appointed by the council a committee appointed by the council to conserve rag supplies. Eisenman, the witness said, took full responsibility for and defended the contracts. A clique in New York, Kaminsky charged, was interested in trying to get control of the country's rag business. He also asserted that Kapian knew all details connected with the contracts given the sorting company. He said the 6 cent price for sorting scraps was excessive.

A good profit could be made, he said, on a price of from 1 to 3 cents a pound. Mr. Eisenman, Kaplan and others will be summoned before the committee this

cluding his testimony regarding clothing and other Army supplies Gen. Sharpe placed responsibility for Gen. Sharpe placed responsibility for delay in securing supplies of wool for Army clothing on the Council of National Defense. The council's committee, which had taken over the question of wool supplies, the general said recommended use of shoddy in making recommended use of shooty in making uniforms and delayed accepting raw wool offered last April by Boston deal wool offered last April by Boston dear-ers. No large purchases were made until September, after prices had risen greatly, he said. Senator Weeks told the committee he was reliably inform-ed that a loss of \$150,000,000 to the gov-

Overcrowding Caused Deaths.

Replying to testimony yesterday of ommanders of Camps Bowie, Tex., and Doniphan, Okla., that overcrowding of tents and lack of winter clothing caused deaths of many men in re- Maurice Long, minister for general recent disease epidemics, Gen. Sharpe said the authorities knew tents would be short for the meg suddenly called into service, but that supplies now are be imperative. Denmark also is looking

training men at the cantonments, Gen. Sharpe said the department's policy, not his own, is that trucks shall not be supplied until the men go abroad. Rolling kitchens and many other vehicles, he also said, will not be furnished until then under present plans. Committee members voiced dissatisfaction with the plans, which, they contended, will prevent men from securing proper training.

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This week the committee plans to conclude investigation of ordnance affairs. Gen. Crozier will be recalled tomorrow having requested an opportunity to replay to statements of Col. Lewis regarding the Lewis machine gun controversy. Secretary Baker, also, if he desires, will be given an opportunity to make a state ment on the machine gun questions.

IN FORM OF SALARIES

Atchison, Topeka and S. F. Railway Continues System of Bonuses. TOPEKA, Kan. December 29.-After January 1, 1918, the semi-annual 10 per ent bonus paid by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway to its unorganized employes, will be continued in the form of a straight salary increase, payable monthly, it was announced here today.

Youth Robbed, \$600 Pay Roll Gone, Thinks Hold-Up a Joke KILL 8. INJURE 20

Employe of Patent Lawyers Faces Two Revolvers in Vacant Office; Two Arrested, One Being Wounded by Detective.

William Nobbe, seventeen years old, his story they telephoned Inspector went around to the Commercial National Bank yesterday, as he does every aturday, to draw the amount of the inquiry up to an early hour this morntional Bank yesterday, as he does every Saturday, to draw the amount of the Le Droit building, at 8th and F streets, to look at an office. Nobbe went.

As soon as Nobbe and his guide entered the deserted hallway the latter pulled a revolver. "But I thought he was only kidding," Nobbe said.

a mile east of here tonight. All the dead

Still Nobbe thought there must be

"I know I ran to 9th street so fast the people on the streets must have thought something was the matter," Nobbe said. jured was not known.

Relief trains have been sent here from Seymour, twenty miles west, and, according to reports reaching here, from Cincinnati, Louisville and Washington, Ind., also.

All of the dead were pinned beneath the wreckers. Both engines were dehe people on the streets must have thought something was the matter," would they discuss their movements of the day. A large amount of money was found on the men.

as developed by the police, disclosed was a telephone number at which the trio sought to locate an automobile which would get them elsewhere in a big hurry.

They did not get the automobile. But they fastened Nobbe's hands to a chair with an old tie taken from a closet of the room, and went on their way.

This gave Nobbe time to think things over. He began to have a feeling that they were not "kidding." Either that or they were carrying a joke too far. He began to take the matter so seriously, in fact, that after he freed his hands he did not care to go out the door for fear he might face the revolvers again. So he quietly dropped from the window, a distance of fifteen feet, then climbed a ladder, scaled a wall and made his way to the street.

The detectives lined up near the automobile with drawn revolvers and when one of the meet who gave the name of Frank Marson stepped from the machine, he promptly was disarmed and put under arrest. When the second man stepped out of the car he put up a fight and in the scuffle Detective O'Dea's revolver was discharged, the bullet entering the breast of the man. According to a telephone message from Detective O'Dea to headquarters here the wounded man gave the name of Orville Cook, whom the police say was wanted in connection with the second man of Orville Cook, who is reported to be seriously wounded, was taken to a Baltimore hospital. The woman in the party gave the detectives the name of Susie Tyrell. She and Marson were name of Orville Cook, whom the police say was wanted in connection with the hold-up. Cook, who is reported to be seriously wounded, was taken to a Baltimore hospital. The woman in the party gave the detectives the name of Susie Tyrell. She and Marson were taken back to Baltimore with Cook and are being held there by the police. None to f the party would give the detectives their addresses in Washington nor would they discuss their movements of

BRITISH FORCE TURKS BACK ON 13-MILE FRONT

Allenby Deeply Penetrates Enemy Bearing Capt. McCoullough and Positions in Vicinity of Jerusalem.

By the Associated Press. LONDON, December 29 .- The British have made another considerable advance in the neighborhood of Jerusalem, the Turks having been beaten back on a front of thirteen miles. The official statement concerning the Pal-

estine campaign tonight says: "Gen. Allenby reports that Friday his troops continued to drive back the enemy and advance their line to a depth of about two miles on a front of thirteen miles. "The advance has given us the high

from advance has given us the high grounds of Ras Arkub and El Suffa-four miles from Jerusalem and one mile north of Jericho road—Anataerram and Kulundia, the last two, respectively, east and west of the Naballa road and harvest show a total of only 62,000,000 in 1916.
Food supplies in Switzerland are falling off to the danger point, the food administration's information said. The Swiss now may have only a pound and a haif of sugar per person each month, half a pound of bread daily and one-fifth of a pound of butter monthly. five or six miles north of Jerusalem

CLASSED AS "SEDITIOUS."

Oklahoma City Bans Violation of

MISSING ARMY BALLOON LANDS IN HIDALGO, MEX

Student Aviators, Machine Drifted Out of Course.

LAREDO, Tex., December 29 .- The Army balloon manned by Capt. McCullough and eight student aviators. which left San Antonio early yesterday and lost its course, landed at Hidalgo, Mexico, forty miles up the Rio Grande river from Laredo at 9 o'clock last night. The crew was taken in charge by Mexican soldiers.

Encounters Heavy Breeze.

Shortiy after leaving the San Antonio aviation school, the balloon, up 2,000 feet, encountered a forty-five-mile wind and drifted southwest. The Rio Grande was mistaken for the Neuces river and a landing was made on Mexican soil. The Mexican soldiers notified the military authorities at Nuevo Laredo and automboiles were sent to Hidalgo for Capt. McCullough and his men. They arrived here this morning. Arrangements have not yet been made

PASS FOUR-BILLION MARK

BODY TO PUSH D. C. **VOTE TAKING SHAPE RAIL ORDER NO. 1:**

Joint Committee Now Nearly Ready for Big Organized Effort in Congress.

AMENDMENT'S SCOPE WIDE

The organization of the joint commit tee on national representation for the TERMINALS AND ROLLING District of Columbia is being rapidly pressed into final form for its campaign to secure the adoption of the proposed constitutional amendment for a voice for the District in Congress and the electoral college.

A joint resolution proposing to amend the Constitution for this purpose now on the District of Columbia and the judiciary committee of the House.

Indorsed by Local Bodies.

Committees have been diligently at work perfecting the organization, and many of Washington's strongest bodies indorsed the Constitutional

The Congress shall have power to admit to the status of citizens of a state the residents of the District constituting the seat of the government of the United States, created by article 1, section eight, for the purpose of representation in the Congress and among the electors of President and Vice President and for the purpose of suing and being sued in the courts of the United States under the provisions of article III, section two.

When the Congress shall exercise this power the residents of such District shall be entitled to elect one or two senators as determined by the Congress, representatives in the House according to their numbers as determined by the decennial enumeration, and presidential electors equal in number to their aggregate representation in the House and Senate.

The Congress shall provide by law mendment, which is as follows:

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The Congress shall provide by law
the qualifications of voters and the
time and manner of choosing the
senator or senators, the representative or representatives, and the elec-tors herein authorized.

The Congress shall have power to make all laws which shall be neces-sary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing power.

General Support Possible. It was found that this amendment a

formed the joint committee, and various other organizations, notably the Central Labor Union, having indorsed the constitutional amendment, also sent delegates to the joint committee.

Have Sent Delegates.

Among those who have thus far a Among those who have thus far actively joined in the movement by sending delegates are the following:
Board of Trade—Delegates, Theodore W. Noyes, chairman; E. F. Colladay, Edward C. Bradenburg, Edward E. Clement, Charles F. Crane, J. Harry Cunningham, John Joy Edson, William T. Galliher, C. J. Gockeler and Odell S. Smith.

Smith.
Chamber of Commerce — Albert Schultels, chairman; Chapin Brown, Henry H. Glassie, E. C. Graham, R. N. Harper, Theodore W. Noyes, James F. Oyster, George G. Seibold, A. Leftwich Sinclair and Joseph I. Weller.
Retail Merchants' Association—R. P. Andrews, chairman; M. A. Leese, Washington Topham. Louis Levy, Ralph W. Lee, Sam Hart, Joseph Berberich, Moritz Mayer, Joseph N. Stoddard and George H. Judd.
Monday Evening Club—John Dolph, chairman; Dr. George F. Bowerman, Louis Ottenberg, George F. Wilson, Judge J. Wilmer Latimer, J. Philip Herrmann, Dr. George M. Kober, A. Lisner, William E. Fowler and Prof. John A. Ryan.
Federation of Citizens' Associations—George H. Rusell, chairman; Jesse C. Suter. Charles A. Baker, Jesse P. Crawford, William Ramsay, Herman A. Phillips, Edward F. Colladay, D. N. Shoemaker, W. G. Henderson and Charles S. Shreve.
Central Labor Union—John H. Lerch, chairman; M. P. Alifas, D. J. O'Leary, D. Hassett, John B. Dickman, W. W. Keeler, Capt. Connors, Miss Florence Etheridge, W. D. Clark and Harry Hollohan.
Bar Association—A. S. Worthington, Smith.

Chamber of Commerce — Albert

Schultels chairman; Chapin Brown

blohan.

Bar Association—A. S. Worthington, chairman; H. B. F. Macfarland, E. C. Brandenburg, E. Hilton Jackson, and ex-Senator J. W. Bailey.

Oldest Inhabitants' Association—Henry L. Bryan and John B. Larner.

Columbia Heights Citizens' Association—I. Block Brander.

tion-F. J. Rice. Northeast Washington Citizens' As-Northeast Washington Chizens Association—Evan H. Tucker.
Georgetown Citizens' Association—Henry S. Matthews.
Southwest Citizens' Association.
Rhode Island Avenue Citizens' Association and Brightwood Citizens' Association—

ion. Woman's Bar Association—Mrs. Ellen Spenicer Mussey.

Citizens' committee of forty in favor of popular government for the District of Columbia.

Executive Committee Chosen. When the joint committee formed by

ganized, the officers were elected, and the following executive committee was chosen-Chairman, Theodore W. Noyes;

THREE NEGROES SUSPECTED.

Held at Birmingham, Ala., in Connection With Woman's Murder.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., December 29—Mayor Averholser today signed an ordinance passed unanimously by the commission, prescribing it to be a seditions act for any person, firm or corporation to violate the authorized rules of the National Food Administration as rested and are held at the Jefferson county jall here in connection with the murder of Mrs. Mary Lancaster, sixty and her daughter, Mrs. Anna Price, 40, at Kimberly Friday. All three assert their innocense of the charge.

Circuit Solicitor J. R. Tate and representatives of the charge.

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MR. M'ADOO GIVES NAMES ASSISTANTS

FIVE CENTS.

Director General Takes First Unification Steps, Providing That Traffic Be Pooled.

STOCK FOR COMMON USE.

Reasonable Notice Expected When Employes Quit; W. D. Hines and A. H. Smith to Assist.

William G. McAdoo, director general of railroads, last night took first definite steps toward the program of national unification of all railroad systems of the country, made possible by the President's proclamation for federal

railroad control. Director General McAdoo named two assistants to aid him in directing the administration of the railroads, and he issued his first orders, termed "Order No. 1," in which he sets forth specific instructions about absolute pooling of all traffic, common utilization of terminals, rolling stock and other facilities, hauling of freight by shortest routes, and retention of all present officers and em-

Railroad Executives' View

Railroad executives in Washington the transportation system never will go back into private hands, and gave two reasons for this feeling: First, they do not believe the stockholders will agree to it with revenues guaranteed under government operation and second they

Special instructions were issued for the clearing of congestion in New York and Chicago through peoling of terminals and other traffic facilities, and Affred ff. Smith, president of the New York Central, was named temporary special assistant to supervise transportation in the trunk line territory east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio rivers, where congestion is greatest.

Walker D. Hines of New York, a railroad lawyer and for many years a special student of government operation, was appointed assistant director general, pending the formation of a permanent staff. The Interstate Commerce Commission was drafted for an immediation of the commission was drafted for an immediation. Commission was drafted for an immediate investigation by its inspectors of general freight conditions on castern

Roads Refuse Wage Incresse

While the director general was conferring yesterday with a number of railroad heads, Interstate Commerce Commissioners and members of Congress, and planning immediate action to remedy faults of transportation, it became known that the demands of the four railway brotherhoods for a 40 percent wage increase had been denied by the railroads, and that consequently the labor men had decided to postpone for probably sixty days the prespone for probably sixty days the pres-entation of their case to the governentation of their case to the govern-ment. It was thought probable that President Wilson would take up the labor situation in his address to Con-gress next Thursday or Friday. The railroad brotherhood chiefs al-ready have assured President Wilson that under no circumstances would they tie up transportation while the wage question was at issue.

To Handle Securities.

A corporation to handle railroad se-curities probably will be provided in legislation the President will suggest to Congress. It would pass on all se-curities proposed and would buy them as offered, holding them for sale when market conditions were read. as offered, holding them for sale when market conditions were good. The corporation also might be called on to finance railroad equipment. It has been suggested that it might be capitalized at a billion dollars, since that is the sum the railroads estimate will be needed next year for the purchase of new equipment and for bond issues.

Congressional agencies went to work on the new railroad situation. The Senate interstate commerce committee at a special hearing drew from Chairman Hall of the Interstate Commerce Commission the statement that the government's failure to centralize priority ernment's failure to centralize priority administration was largely resp

for freight congestion Cummins Expects Speedy Action.

Senator Cummins, ranking republican member of the Senate interstate commerce committee, in a conference with Mr. McAdoo, expressed the opinion that legislation to prescribe the basis of government compensation to the roads would be passed speedily, though not without some opposition to the President's suggestion of guaranteeing to the companies the average earnings for the last three years.

The railroad war board, whose services have been solicited temporarily by

The railroad war board, whose services have been solicited temporarily by the director general, presented recommendations for speedy moving of freight in the Chicago congested center and made a number of other suggestions for economies and efficiency under the new unification plan.

Text of "Order No. 1."